

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate completed action on U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6577–S6925

Measures Introduced: Sixty bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 40, 1471–1529, S.J. Res. 14, and S. Res. 214–219. **Pages S6844–46**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Allocations to Subcommittee of Budget Totals”. (S. Rept. No. 110–74)

S. 924, to strengthen the United States Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–72)

S. 368, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program. (S. Rept. No. 110–73)

H.R. 740, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H. Con. Res. 76, honoring the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments.

S. Res. 110, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 30th anniversary of ASEAN United States dialogue and relationship.

S. Res. 211, expressing the profound concerns of the Senate regarding the transgression against freedom of thought and expression that is being carried out in Venezuela.

S. 1327, to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships.

S. Con. Res. 25, condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society. **Pages S6842–43**

Measures Passed:

Calling on the Government of Iran: Senate agreed to S. Res. 214, calling upon the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to immediately release Dr. Haleh Esfandiari. **Pages S6597–98**

National Hurricane Preparedness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 217, designating the week beginning May 20, 2007, as “National Hurricane Preparedness Week”. **Pages S6921–22**

Printing Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 218, to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate. **Page S6922**

Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 219, recognizing the year 2007 as the official 50th anniversary celebration of the beginnings of marinas, power production, recreation, and boating on Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia. **Page S6922**

Preservation Approval Process Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 1675, to suspend the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding electronic filing of previous participation certificates and regarding filing of such certificates with respect to certain low-income housing investors, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6922**

Native American Home Ownership Opportunity Act: Senate passed H.R. 1676, to reauthorize the program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for loan guarantees for Indian housing, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6922**

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Authorization: Senate passed S. 231, to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012. **Pages S6922–23**

Transgression Against Freedom of Thought and Expression: Senate agreed to S. Res. 211, expressing

the profound concern of the Senate regarding the transgression against freedom of thought and expression that is being carried out in Venezuela.

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Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 32, honoring the 50th anniversary of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, and the resolution was then agreed to. Pages S6923–24

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales: Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 14, expressing the sense of the Senate that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales no longer holds the confidence of the Senate and of the American people. Page S6924

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 158, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. Page S6924

Measures Considered:

Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 1348, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S6583–97, S6598–S6687

Adopted:

Specter (for McCain) Modified Amendment No. 1190 (to Amendment No. 1150), to require undocumented immigrants receiving legal status to pay owed back taxes. Pages S6586–87, S6592–94

By 87 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 176), Akaka Modified Amendment No. 1186 (to Amendment No. 1150), to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas. Pages S6583, S6594–95, S6601

By 59 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 179), Sanders Modified Amendment No. 1223 (to Amendment No. 1150), to establish the American Competitive-ness Scholarship Program. Pages S6609–12, S6618, S6623

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 177), Coleman/Bond Amendment No. 1158 (to Amendment No. 1150), to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to facilitate information sharing between federal and local law enforcement officials related to an individual's immigration status. Pages S6583–85, S6594, S6595–96

By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 178), Dorgan/Boxer Amendment No. 1181 (to Amendment No. 1150), to sunset the Y–1 nonimmigrant visa program after a 5-year period. Pages S6587–92, S6593, S6601–04

By 29 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 180), Vitter/DeMint Amendment No. 1157 (to Amendment No. 1150), to strike title VI (related to Nonimmigrants in the United States Previously in Unlawful Status). Pages S6605–07, S6609, S6619–20, S6624–25

Pending:

Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150, in the nature of a substitute. Page S6583

Grassley/DeMint Amendment No. 1166 (to Amendment No. 1150), to clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review. Page S6583

Cornyn Modified Amendment No. 1184 (to Amendment No. 1150), to establish a permanent bar for gang members, terrorists, and other criminals. Pages S6583, S6585–86, S6612–18

Dodd/Menendez Amendment No. 1199 (to Amendment No. 1150), to increase the number of green cards for parents of United States citizens, to extend the duration of the new parent visitor visa, and to make penalties imposed on individuals who overstay such visas applicable only to such individuals. Pages S6596–97

Menendez Amendment No. 1194 (to Amendment No. 1150), to modify the deadline for the family backlog reduction. Pages S6598–S6601

McConnell Amendment No. 1170 (to Amendment No. 1150), to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require individuals voting in person to present photo identification. Pages S6604–05

Feingold Amendment No. 1176 (to Amendment No. 1150), to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II. Pages S6607–09

Durbin/Grassley Amendment No. 1231 (to Amendment No. 1150), to ensure that employers make efforts to recruit American workers. Pages S6618–19

Sessions Amendment No. 1234 (to Amendment No. 1150), to save American taxpayers up to \$24 billion in the 10 years after passage of this Act, by preventing the earned income tax credit, which is, according to the Congressional Research Service, the largest anti-poverty entitlement program of the Federal Government, from being claimed by Y temporary workers or illegal aliens given status by this Act until they adjust to legal permanent resident status. Page S6620

Sessions Amendment No. 1235 (to Amendment No. 1150), to save American taxpayers up to \$24 billion in the 10 years after passage of this Act, by preventing the earned income tax credit, which is, according to the Congressional Research Service, the

largest anti-poverty entitlement program of the Federal Government, from being claimed by Y temporary workers or illegal aliens given status by this Act until they adjust to legal permanent resident status. **Pages S6620–22**

Lieberman Amendment No. 1191 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide safeguards against faulty asylum procedures and to improve conditions of detention. **Pages S6623–24**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Graham (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 1168 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide local officials and the Secretary of Homeland Security greater involvement in decisions regarding the location of border fencing, previously agreed to on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, was modified by unanimous consent. **Page S6592**

Subsequent to its adoption, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Akaka Amendment No. 1186 (to Amendment No. 1150) (listed above) be modified. **Pages S6583, S6601**

Text of Amendment No. 1150 is printed on pages S6625–87.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 25, 2007. **Page S6924**

U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act: By 80 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 181), Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2206, making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S6795–S6823**

Iraqi and Afghani Translators and Interpreters Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 1104, to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6924**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Preston M. Geren, of Texas, to be Secretary of the Army.

Diane G. Farrell, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2011.

Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Michael W. Michalak, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

James W. Holsinger, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.

William J. Powell, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Amul R. Thapar, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Robert Charles Tapella, of Virginia, to be Public Printer.

2 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S6925**

Messages from the House: **Pages S6840–41**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—181) **Pages S6595, S6596, S6604, S6623, S6624–25, S6823**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6924.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—NATIONAL DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill entitled "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008";